

# Time: Agnew takes of quitting

NEW YORK (AP) — President Nixon and Vice President Agnew did discuss at their private Sept. 1 meeting whether Agnew might resign, according to two sources quoted by Time magazine.

The unnamed sources said Agnew told Nixon he does not

want to resign even if indicted by a Baltimore federal grand jury, but the sources gave conflicting accounts of how Agnew plans to defend himself, Time said yesterday.

Spokesmen for Nixon and Agnew previously denied that possible resignation was a topic of the meeting.

Time quoted one source, a "friend and adviser" to Agnew, as saying Agnew has been told by his lawyers he will be indicted and Agnew told Nixon he plans to "fight the indictments head-on in court" without resigning.

Agnew, according to this source, will admit accepting some funds from Maryland contractors and consultants but will argue that the money was used on campaigns and that he promised and gave nothing in return for the

donators, Time said.

According to the source, Agnew expects to be exonerated by showing that if any favoritism was shown to the contributors while he was Baltimore County executive or governor of Maryland, it was done by his subordinates, Time said.

The other account, provided by "other sources close to the case," has Agnew planning to fight the grand jury investigation of him on constitutional grounds, Time said.

This posture has upset the tentative timetable of the prosecution since Justice Department officials anticipated Agnew's resignation, according to the second account.

## For upcoming productions

# Theater groups to hold tryouts

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Both the University Theatre and the Penn State Thespians are holding auditions tonight for upcoming productions.

Auditions for the Penn State Thespians musical-comedy "The Brother-Hood" will begin 6:30 p.m. at Schwab. Students will be chosen on their singing and acting ability, but roles in other phases of production also are available.

Tryouts for the University Theatre's "The Amorous Flea" will be held 7 p.m. in the Pavilion Theatre. Students trying out should be prepared to sing a ballad and one "up tune." A pianist will be available.

Those wishing to try out for the University Theatre's production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" should prepare and memorize a two minute selection from any modern play, poem or novel. The auditions will be held 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the Playhouse.

In order to reserve an audition appointment for

either "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" or "The Amorous Flea," students must sign the call board in the Theatre Arts Building.

The Penn State Thespians is the oldest continuing student group operating under the same name. It was established in 1897 to "present theatrical entertainment and to provide experience for the Pennsylvania State University students in all phases of dramatic production."

Two faculty members, the late Fred Lewis Pattee and John H. Leete are credited with founding and naming the organization.

The organization has changed somewhat since 1897. Until 1918 the production casts were all male. Women were not allowed to be full-fledged members until 1953.

Originally the Thespians produced "classics" but by 1910 a switch was made to musical comedies. Except for a brief time during World War I when farces were produced, the Thespians have continued to produce musical comedies.

In early years the Thespians took their show on the road. Playing in near empty houses in small towns resulted in huge debts for them. A reorganization was

directed and under the direction of the late Herb Kinley, a member of the College's fiscal staff, the Thespians paid off their debts. They have been operating in the black since then.

Several Thespian alumni have made names for themselves on the stage, in movies or on television. These include Gene Kelly who directed the movie "Hello Dolly," Julius Epstein, author of the movie "Casablanca" and Oliver Smith, stage designer for plays such as "Brigadoon" and "West Side Story."

This fall's production, "The Brother-Hood," is an original composition by Erik Diamond (10th-music). It will be performed Nov. 1, 2, 3 in Schwab.

The Thespians will produce another musical comedy in the spring. The play has not yet been decided on, however, according to Thespian President Nan Clingman.

The University Theatre has been in operation for more than 50 years. It began unofficially in 1919 as the "Penn State Players" under the direction of Arthur Cloetingh, an English instructor. At that time it was merely an extra-curricular organization.

In 1954 the University Theatre was set up as the production arm of the newly created Department of Theatre Arts. The Penn State Players were incorporated into the department.

Since its beginning, the University Theatre has grown to include a variety of productions.

The Five O'Clock Theatre presents original works by Penn State students. This fall it will produce two shows: "Big Black Ball," Oct. 3 through Oct. 5, and "Silverstein and Company," Nov. 7 through Nov. 9. Both shows will be held at the Pavilion.

The Studio Series offers a chance for graduate students to direct plays. Other programs are the experimental theatre which occasionally produces plays and the jazz-dance theatre which premiered last year.

Students involved in these productions receive credits in theatre arts.

William E. Crocken, general manager of the University Theatre and the Festival Theatre, said the purpose of the University Theatre is two-fold. It provides entertainment for students and the general public, and serves to train those interested in theatre, Crocken said.

# Watergate tapes unwound, aide testifies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican party leaders meeting for the first time since the Watergate scandal erupted see a sharp drop in Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's presidential prospects and an upsurge of interest in Sen. Howard Baker, Gov. Ronald Reagan and former Treasury Secretary John Connally.

To a lesser extent, according to an Associated Press survey of GOP National Committee members and state chairmen, gains also were registered for Sen. Charles Percy and New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

The GOP leaders were polled as Republican state chairmen opened a three-day meeting yesterday. The Republican National Committee meets today

for the first time since President Nixon's inaugural in January and a new party reform group will convene tomorrow.

More than half of the 70 GOP officials from 37 states responding to the AP survey said the disclosure that Agnew faces possible criminal charges in Maryland has hurt his 1976 presidential chances.

Some thought Agnew could come out "smelling like a rose," as Committeeman Creighton Holden of Michigan put it.

But others felt his chances would be hurt, regardless of the outcome.

Committeewoman Orriette Sinclair of Idaho said the investigation will damage Agnew.

Baker, the 47-year-old Tennessee senator who is the ranking GOP member of the Senate Watergate Committee, was clearly the biggest gainer because of Watergate, according to the survey. Twenty members said he had been helped. Only two thought his role had damaged him.

"There's no question that Baker has been helped tremendously," said Louisiana Republican chairman James Boyce. "And he's been a popular figure in Republican circles for some time."

Eleven members each said Reagan and Connally had been helped.

Some tied Reagan's rise directly to Agnew's decline, while two said Connally might be injured by his close association with President Nixon.

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